

the average would, I believe, cover the general expense and perhaps somewhat more. I find also, that if I would visit some places that need the attention of the evangelist, I must go without an invitation, for they will not write for some one, for the reason that being perhaps divided in opinion, they are afraid that they could not raise sufficient money, and owing to that spirit of division, the work is allowed simply to die, because a few do not feel able to bear the probable expense, and then there is sometimes a doubt in their minds whether they have the authority to call in the evangelist while in that divided condition. But just here let me say, those are just the places the evangelist is most needed. I wrote to some churches, asking them if they intended to secure a pastor or hold a series of meetings, and was answered that they were not able to stand the expense of supporting a pastor or the expense of an evangelist in their *divided* state. There is the error. That was just the time they needed an evangelist. Such congregations sometimes die just for the need of having presented to them the healing balm of the great Physician. It is the sick that need the physician, but they are sometimes too sick to call him. In that case we "ought to be about the Father's business." Jesus is our example. How shall we remedy this apparent evil?

During the past year, I visited the following places:

Aurelia, Iowa; Brooklyn, Iowa; Garrison, Iowa; Cornell, Ill. I preached two weeks at Aurelia, with eleven accessions. Secured the services of Brother Braker, of Philadelphia, as pastor of that church.

Visited Cornell, Iowa, to attend a business meeting, but did not hold any meetings at that place, but urged them to call Brother Barth of Chicago, to hold two week's meetings for them which they did, and I have no report of those meetings.

I visited Brooklyn, Iowa, and preached a week with good interest, and resulted in four baptisms. Thus in the three week's meetings there were fifteen accessions. Tried to secure pastor for Brooklyn, but have not succeeded yet. The church there seemed anxious to have a pastor, and I think a pastor can do well there, if spiritual and consecrated.

Visited Garrison, and ordained Brother Hoover to the ministry. He and the congregation there can report for themselves.

In looking over the prospective work needed to be done in the district, I find there are in Iowa, fifteen churches and preaching points. In Illinois, there are seven churches and preaching points.

Iowa reports sixteen preachers, of which eight are active.

Illinois reports four preachers of which three are active.

Iowa apparently has seven preaching points with a preacher.

Illinois has four preaching points without preachers. All those points, making eleven in all, should be visited by the evangelist. And then many of the places that have pas-

tors, need the help of an evangelist. For such a visit by the evangelist would very much encourage the church and also the pastors by bringing them into closer touch with the general work of the church. The general missionary work of the church could be very much benefited in this way.

One grievous fault among our weak congregations is, that they do not represent at our conferences, and so are not in touch with the work and consequently lose that source of strength and enthusiasm. Many of our churches are doing nothing for the general missionary work. This is not as it should be. If we would grow rich spiritually, we must be always giving. God can not love a miser in spiritual matters any more than he can in money matters. What is the remedy? Go among them; take the missionary convention to them. The matter of placing an evangelist in the field, and at the same time, keeping the mission work we already have started, going, now confronts us. Could we combine the two by locating the evangelist at a missionary point, where he might have the oversight of both and give the combined work his whole time, we may find a solution for the present until we can supply both. I think this would enable the evangelist to do better work than he has done in this district, and at the same time he could also hold missionary conventions in the district, and look after the weaker churches, and when possible supply them with pastors. I submit this to this conference for your consideration, hoping that this or a better plan, if you have one, may be put into operation.

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#### Notes From Harrisonburg, Va.

It has been some time since I reported through your columns. We nevertheless have the armor buckled on and hard at work. We just closed a two weeks' meeting at the Bethlehem church. We made a hard fight. It takes hard fighting. During the two weeks meeting there were three play parties near the church—yes very near the church. Of course this greatly hurt the meeting in many ways. These parties were held at the homes of persons who make the claims of being in the fold of Christ. I shall not mention the church to which they belong for that would possibly insinuate, but I suppose the readers of the EVANGELIST will guess in two guesses where they belong. I have nothing harsh to say through your medium in regard to the matter. The meeting did more to strengthen the little body than if we would have had no opposition. One very reliable addition by baptism and others renewed their covenant with God and renewal of the whole body in her faith and zeal for the cause we so dearly love.

We could not be driven out by any method of procedure. Saturday evening Nov. 5th we held our communion. It was a real feast. Forty communed and a large crowd was present. After the communion by way of encouraging our brave brethren and sisters we told briefly why we are Brethren.

Meeting closed with good interest. Sometimes I think we as ministers are too timid in presenting plea. We will go to W. Va. the 15th of Nov. to hold up the truth and point out the way of life to sinners.

With much interest in the cause we so dearly love, I remain yours for the Gospel alone.

JOS. I. HALL.

#### Kanemorado Echoes

We come again with news from the field. On the 15th of October we left home for a little work in Galesburg church. Had services in evening, but on Saturday and Sabbath evening was rained out entirely. On Monday evening held a very pleasant love feast.

Was surprised by the attendance of our young Brother Wood and wife, of Summer county Kansas, who is very low with consumption. From Galesburg we came to Godfrey and have been engaged two weeks. At this place but little regular preaching has been done for the last year. Last spring several changes with residents occurring, an introduction of new church going people was the result largely, and we were met by some strange faces. Our meeting was very interesting though the attendance was small, except on Sunday evening, when standing room was at a premium. It grew in interest to the close and we felt it should have continued longer. Several seemed almost persuaded to forsake satan's kingdom for the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. We held a love feast on the evening of the fifth, a feast long to be remembered.

The occasion was truly an enjoyable one, and one of deep spiritual solemnity. Results, two were added to the little congregation by letter and we believe there are more to follow soon. From this place we go home to attend the election, a privilege we cannot omit. Kansas is a Prohibition state and vigilance is the only safe guard against the rum power. We feel brethren, we are at least one hundred years in advance of Ohio with her 77,445 rum sections at a very conservative estimate. We deal with the crime of selling whiskey in Kansas as with any other crime. We do not have to get down on our knees to the liquor league to supplicate it before we can nominate a candidate for a public office of trust. Brethren, let us be true men. Vote as we pray.

"Watch ye, stand firm in the faith. Quit yourselves like men. Be strong."

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#### Zion Hill Church

It has been some time since I have reported any church news from the Zion Hill church but we are still alive and at work for the Master. At our last meeting another dear sister came forward and confessed Christ. I think she will be baptized in the near future. Next Saturday we expect to hold our quarterly business meeting. Our meetings are interesting and we expect much good to follow.

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